



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

1:30 PM

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN and PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF SHAKMAN COMPLIANCE IN THE OFFICES OF THE COOK COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS AND THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, violations of the Shakman Consent Decree in the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court's office have cost taxpayers a total of over \$275,000 through February 2019; and

WHEREAS, violations of the Shakman Consent Decree in the Cook County Assessor's office have cost taxpayers a total of over \$2.5 million dollars through February 2019; and

WHEREAS, violations of the Shakman Consent Decree in the Cook County Recorder of Deed's office have cost taxpayers a total of over \$2.4 million dollars through February 2019; and

WHEREAS, recent reports from the court appointed compliance administrators have identified continuing problems that must be addressed to achieve compliance; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Cook County was found to be compliant with the Shakman Decree; and

WHEREAS, reaching compliance with the Shakman Decree in the offices of the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds will result in significant cost savings to Cook County taxpayers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Litigation Subcommittee be convened to discuss the status of Shakman Compliance in the offices of the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shakman Compliance Administrators, officials from the Office of the Independent Inspector General and officials from the offices of the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds appear before the Subcommittee and be prepared to update the Subcommittee members on the status of Shakman compliance in each office.

Legislative History : 3/21/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation



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